

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Applicant: Lee M. Amaitis et al.  
Title: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR SPREAD BETTING ON A PARTICIPANT  
IN A GROUP OF EVENTS  
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Sir or Madam:

**REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION**  
**AND PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

This is a reply to the final Office Action dated January 12, 2009, and follows a Notice of Appeal filed by Applicant on July 13, 2009, both in connection with the above-identified application. Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.

As used herein, "we," "us," and/or "our" refer to the present Applicant.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims beginning on page 3 of this paper; and

Remarks begin on page 18 of this paper.

**Petition for Extension of Time**

On July 13, 2009, we filed, along with a Notice of Appeal, a petition for a three-month extension of time to extend the time for replying to the final Office Action to July 13, 2009 (July 12, 2009 was a Sunday). Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), we hereby petition for a three-month extension of time following the Notice of Appeal and to respond to the final Office Action dated

January 12, 2009. With the extension, the time for replying is extended up to and including **December 14, 2009** (December 13, 2009 is a Sunday). The Commissioner for Patents is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 50-3938 in the amount of \$1,110.00 in connection with the petition for extension of time and to charge any deficiencies or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-3938.